

a backup unit comprising means for storing a backup copy, said backup unit belonging to a telephone exchange system; and

a communication system connecting the computer units to the backup unit; in which method:

the backup copies of the computer units are saved to the backup unit; and

the backup copy is restored to the computer unit when necessary, wherein identification data identifying the computer unit is saved to the backup unit in conjunction with the backup copy, said identification data either obtained from data transmitted in the signaling of the communication system or appended to the backup copy by the computer unit;

a backup copy is directed to a computer unit on the basis of the identification data; and

the backup copies are restored to the appropriate computer units either automatically or by being triggered by an operator.

16. (New) Method as defined in claim 15, wherein the identification data is defined in the name of the directory of the backup copy.

17. (New) Method as defined in claim 15, wherein the identification data is defined in the contents of the directory of the backup copy.

18. (New) Method as defined in claim 15, wherein the identification data is defined in a separate file in the directory of the backup copy.

19. (New) Method as defined in claim 15, wherein the backup copy is stored on a removable medium in the backup unit.

20. (New) System for the restoration of a backup copy in a telecommunication system comprising:

at least two computer units, each comprising means for generating a backup copy of the computer unit, said computer units belonging to a telephone exchange system;

a backup unit comprising means for storing a backup copy, said backup unit belonging to a telephone exchange system;

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a communication system connecting the computer units to the backup unit;
means for storing the backup copies of the computer units in the backup unit; and
means for restoring the backup copy to the computer unit when necessary,
characterized in that the system comprises:

means for saving identification data identifying the computer unit to the backup unit in
conjunction with the backup copy, said identification data either obtained from data transmitted
in the signaling of the communication system or appended to the backup copy by the
computer unit;

means for directing a backup copy to a computer unit on the basis of the identification
data; and

means for restoration of the backup copies to the appropriate computer units either
automatically or by being triggered by an operator.

21. (New) System as defined in claim 20, wherein the system comprises means for
defining the identification data in the name of the directory of the backup copy.

22. (New) System as defined in claim 20, wherein the system comprises means for
defining the identification data in the contents of the directory of the backup copy.

23. (New) System as defined in claim 20, wherein the system comprises means for
defining the identification data in a separate file in the directory of the backup copy.

24. (New) System as defined in claim 20, wherein the backup unit comprises a
removable medium, on which the backup copy is stored.

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